

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 88-262  
December 14, 1988

SUBJECT: Establishment - Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act of 1973 as amended, D.C. Code section 1-242(2) (1981-Ed.), and in accordance with D.C. Law 2-22 of September 23, 1977, and Public Law 100-294 of April 25, 1988, it is hereby ORDERED that Mayor's Order 80-190, dated July 18, 1980, is rescinded in its entirety and reissued as follows:

1. Establishment:

There is established in the District of Columbia government a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".

2. Purpose:

The Committee shall advise the Mayor and the directors of appropriate government agencies on matters relating to the protection of abused and neglected children and the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

3. Functions:

The Committee shall:

- (a) Promote public awareness of programs and advise on public concerns relating to child abuse and/or neglect in the District of Columbia;
- (b) Assist in improving services and in coordinating the activities of public and voluntary agencies concerned with the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect;
- (c) Study and make appropriate recommendations with respect to needs assessments, proposals, policies and legislation and on the annual report on the implementation of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1977;

- (d) Advise on standards for staff qualifications, caseload levels and supervision requirements for agencies involved in the District's handling of abused and/or neglected children and their families;
- (e) Serve as the Multidisciplinary Task Force for the purpose of the Children's Justice Act Grants under Public Law 100-294, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1988;
- (f) Issue an annual report on its activities; and
- (g) Undertake such other duties as may be assigned.

4. Composition:

The Committee shall consist of at least twenty-one members appointed by the Mayor. The membership shall include, but not be limited to, child advocates; health and mental health professionals; individuals experienced in working with children with disabilities and parents. A majority of the members shall be representatives of non-public agencies and organizations which are involved in child abuse and/or neglect issues or citizens knowledgeable or concerned about those issues. The Mayor shall also appoint representatives of appropriate D.C. government agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Human Services, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Superior Court of D.C., the Office of the Corporation Counsel and the D.C. Public Schools.

5. Terms:

- (a) Non-governmental members shall be appointed to serve three year terms, except that of the members first appointed under this Order, one-third shall be appointed for three years, one-third for two years and one-third for one year. Government representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- (b) Vacancies which occur before the end of a term shall be filled only for the unexpired portion of that term and members may serve beyond the end of their terms until reappointed or replaced.

6. Officers:

The Mayor shall appoint a Chairperson of the committee from among the non-governmental members and a Vice Chairperson from among the government members, both of whom shall serve in those offices at the pleasure of the Mayor.

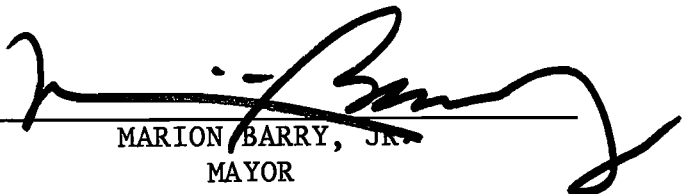
7. Administration:

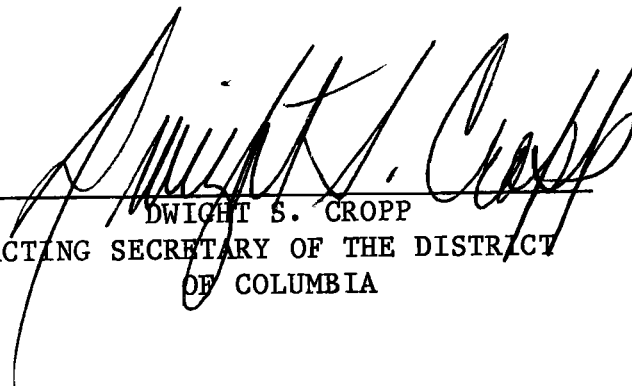
The Director of the Department of Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Committee. All other appropriate government agencies will cooperate with the committee as needed.

8. Organization:

- (a) The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. Expenses of the Committee, if authorized in advance by the Director of the Department of Human Services, shall be paid from funds allocated for that purpose.
- (b) The Committee may establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary and may appoint persons to serve on those subcommittees who are not members of the full Committee, provided that each subcommittee is chaired by a member of the full Committee.

9. Effective Date: This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
MARION BARRY, JR.  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
DWIGHT S. CROPP  
ACTING SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA